

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1.    A method of playing a card game in which a plurality  
2 of paylines are used and a wager is made to activate each pay  
3 line comprising:

- 4           a)    displaying a first row of five cards;
- 5           b)    selecting none, one or more of the cards from the  
6 first row of cards as cards to be held;
- 7           c)    reusing the cards selected to be held from the first  
8 row of cards in a second row of cards;
- 9           d)    reusing the cards selected to be held from the first  
10 row of cards in a third row of cards;
- 11           e)    discarding from the first row of cards the unse-  
12 lected cards and replacing each of the unselected cards with  
13 a replacement card;
- 14           f)    providing additional cards to the second row of  
15 cards so that the second row of cards has five cards;
- 16           g)    providing additional cards to the third row of cards  
17 so that the third row of cards has five cards;
- 18           h)    each pay line comprising a grouping of five cards  
19 from one or more of the first row of cards, the second row of  
20 cards and the third rows of cards; and
- 21           i)    determining the poker hand ranking of the resulting  
22 cards of each pay line.

1           2.    The method of Claim 1 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises the five cards in the first row of cards.

1           3.    The method of Claim 1 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises the five cards in the second row of cards.

1           4.    The method of Claim 1 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises the five cards in the third row of cards.

1           5.    The method of Claim 1 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises two cards from the first row of cards, two cards  
3 from the second row of cards and one card from the third row  
4 of cards.

1           6.    The method of Claim 1 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises two cards from the first row of cards, one card from  
3 the second row of cards and two cards from the third row of  
4 cards.

1           7.    The method of Claim 1 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises one card from the first row of cards, two cards from  
3 the second row of cards and two cards from the third row of  
4 cards.

1           8.    The method of Claim 1 wherein the number of paylines  
2 selected exceeds the number of rows of the cards.

1           9.    The method of Claim 1 including paying the player  
2           an award based on the poker hand ranking of the pay line and  
3           the amount of the player's wager on that pay line according to  
4           a pay table.

1           10.   The method of Claim 1 including the step of a player  
2           placing a single wager for each pay line to be played.

1           11.   The method of Claim 1 including the step of a player  
2           placing a wager to play multiple pay lines.

1           12.   The method of Claim 1 wherein the replacement cards  
2           and additional cards provided in accordance with steps e), f)  
3           and g) are provided from a single deck of cards.

1           13.   The method of Claim 1 wherein the replacement cards  
2           in accordance with step e) are provided from a first deck of  
3           cards, the additional cards provided in accordance with step  
4           f) are provided from a second deck of cards, and the addi-  
5           tional cards provided in accordance with step g) are provided  
6           from a third deck of cards.

1           14. A method of playing a card game in which a plurality  
2 of paylines are used and a wager is made to activate each pay  
3 line comprising:

4           a) providing a fifteen card display having a first row,  
5 a second row and a third row with each row having five card  
6 locations;

7           b) displaying cards at each of the five card locations  
8 in the first row;

9           c) selecting none, one or more of the cards from the  
10 first row as cards to be held;

11           d) reusing the cards selected to be held from the first  
12 row in card locations in the second row;

13           e) reusing the cards selected to be held from the first  
14 row in card locations in the third row;

15           f) discarding from the first row the unselected cards  
16 and replacing each of the unselected cards with a replacement  
17 card;

18           g) providing additional cards to the second row so that  
19 the second row has five cards;

20           h) providing additional cards to the third row so that  
21 the third row has five cards;

22           i) selecting one or more hands comprising five cards  
23 from the fifteen card locations, each pay line comprising one  
24 of the hands of five cards selected from the fifteen card  
25 locations; and

26           j)   determining the poker hand ranking of the resulting  
27 cards of each pay line.

1           15.   The method of Claim 14 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises the hand of five cards comprising the first row of  
3 cards.

1           16.   The method of Claim 14 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises the hand of five cards comprising the second row of  
3 cards.

1           17.   The method of Claim 14 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises the hand of five cards comprising the third row of  
3 cards.

1           18.   The method of Claim 14 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises a hand comprising two cards from the first row of  
3 cards, two cards from the second row of cards and one card  
4 from the third row of cards.

1           19.   The method of Claim 14 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises a hand comprising two cards from the first row of  
3 cards, one card from the second row of cards and two cards  
4 from the third row of cards.

1           20. The method of Claim 14 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises a hand comprising one card from the first row of  
3 cards, two cards from the second row of cards and two cards  
4 from the third row of cards.

1           21. The method of Claim 14 wherein the number of  
2 paylines selected exceeds the number of rows of the cards.

1           22. The method of Claim 14 including paying the player  
2 an award based on the poker hand ranking of the hand of each  
3 pay line and the amount of the player's wager on that pay line  
4 according to a pay table.

1           23. The method of Claim 14 including the step of a  
2 player placing a single wager for each pay line to be played.

1           24. The method of Claim 14 including the step of a  
2 player placing a wager to play multiple pay lines.

1           25. The method of Claim 14 wherein the replacement cards  
2 and additional cards provided in accordance with steps f), g)  
3 and h) are provided from a single deck of cards.

1           26. The method of Claim 14 wherein the replacement cards  
2 in accordance with step f) are provided from a first deck of  
3 cards, the additional cards provided in accordance with step

4 g) are provided from a second deck of cards, and the addi-  
5 tional cards provided in accordance with step h) are provided  
6 from a third deck of cards.

1 27. A method of playing a game in which a plurality of  
2 paylines are used and a wager is made to activate each pay  
3 line comprising:

4 a) displaying a first row of symbols;

5 b) selecting none, one or more of the symbols from the  
6 first row of symbols as symbols to be held;

7 c) reusing the symbols selected to be held from the  
8 first row of symbols in a second row of symbols;

9 d) reusing the symbols selected to be held from the  
10 first row of symbols in a third row of symbols;

11 e) discarding from the first row of symbols the  
12 unselected symbols and replacing each of the unselected  
13 symbols with a replacement symbol;

14 f) providing additional symbols to the second row of  
15 symbols so that the second row of symbols has the same number  
16 of symbols as the first row;

17 g) providing additional symbols to the third row of  
18 symbols so that the third row of symbols has the same number  
19 of symbols as the first row;

20 h) each pay line comprising a grouping of symbols from  
21 one or more of the first row of symbols, the second row of  
22 symbols and the third rows of symbols; and

23 i) determining the symbol ranking of the resulting  
24 symbols of each pay line.

1 28. The method of Claim 27 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises the symbols of the first row of symbols.

1 29. The method of Claim 27 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises the symbols of the second row of symbols.

1 30. The method of Claim 27 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises the symbols of the third row of symbols.

1 31. The method of Claim 27 wherein each of the first  
2 row, second row and third row has five symbols.

1 32. The method of Claim 27 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises two symbols from the first row of symbols, two  
3 symbols from the second row of symbols and one symbols from  
4 the third row of symbols.

1 33. The method of Claim 27 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises two symbols from the first row of symbols, one  
3 symbol from the second row of symbols and two symbols from the  
4 third row of symbols.



1           34. The method of Claim 27 wherein one of the pay lines  
2 comprises one symbol from the first row of symbols, two  
3 symbols from the second row of symbols and two symbols from  
4 the third row of symbols.

1           35. The method of Claim 27 wherein the number of  
2 paylines activated exceeds the number of rows of the symbols.

1           36. The method of Claim 27 including paying the player  
2 an award based on the ranking of the group of symbols of the  
3 pay line and the amount of the player's wager on that pay line  
4 according to a pay table.

1           37. The method of Claim 27 including the step of a  
2 player placing a single wager for each pay line to be played.

1           38. The method of Claim 27 including the step of a  
2 player placing a wager to play multiple pay lines.